

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.(canceled) A manicuring appliance comprising an elongated member having first and second ends, said first end being adapted to receive a cutting member in a position to cut said cuticle along an accurate path, said cutting member having at least one cutting edge spaced from a safety barrier.

2.(currently amended) ~~The appliance as in claim 1~~ A manicuring appliance comprising an elongated member having first and second ends, wherein said first and second ends are each adapted to attach to said elongated member, said first end being adapted to receive a cutting member in a position to cut said cuticle along an accurate path, said cutting member having at least one cutting edge spaced from a safety barrier.

3.(currently amended) The appliance as in claim 4 2 wherein said cutting member is removable.

4.(currently amended) The appliance as in claim 4 2 wherein said cutting member is secured in place with a retention cap.

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5.(currently amended) The appliance recited in claim 4 2 wherein said second end comprises a pusher for shaping a cuticle and prepare it for cutting.

6.(canceled) A cuticle appliance comprising a handle member and at least one end member, said end member having at least one blade for cutting a cuticle along an arcuate path and at least one safety barrier spaced from said blade to form a gap therebetween.

7.(canceled) The cuticle appliance recited in claim 6 wherein said blade is configured for removal and replacement.

8.(canceled) The cuticle appliance recited in claim 6 wherein said end member is detachable from said handle member.

9.(canceled) An apparatus for use in a manicuring appliance for trimming dead skin from cuticles by cutting along an arcuate path with a blade edge; the apparatus comprising:

- a blade-holding device having a blade receiving member and being configured for releasable connection to a handle;

- at least one blade positioned in said blade receiving member and having an edge for cutting along said arcuate path; and

- at least one safety barrier extending toward said blade edge, but spaced therefrom to form a gap therebetween.

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10.(canceled) A manicuring appliance comprising:
 an elongated handle having a detachable end portion;
 said end portion having a blade formed from a flat metal sheet having an
end region folded to be at an angle relative to said sheet;
 a pair of opposed blade edges formed in the fold of said end region for
cutting cuticle tissue while moving said end portion along a cuticle in either direction;
and
 a barrier spaced from each of said blade edges and forming a gap
adjacent each said blade edge for limiting the depth of cutting into cuticle tissue.

11.(canceled) A manicuring appliance comprising:
 an elongated handle having a transparent end portion having at least one
blade for cutting cuticle tissue;
 an illuminating device positioned for projecting light through said end
portion for illuminating said cuticle cutting; and
 a magnifying lens configured for presenting an enlarged view of said
blade.

12.(canceled) A manicuring appliance comprising:
 an elongated handle having a detachable end portion, said end portion
having at least one blade for cutting cuticle tissue; and
 an attachable magnifying lens positioned for presenting an enlarged view
of said at least one blade.